

FULL DIESEL ELECTRIC LIGHTING
PLANT
15 K.W. 200 volt 50 cycle
\$15,000.
Available from Stock
FAR EAST MOTORS
26 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The Hongkong Telegraph

VOL. II NO. 219

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1947.

Dine
At the
P. G.
For
Reservations
Tel: 27880

Price 20 Cents

Making Marshall Plan A Reality

Terrorists Threaten Reprisals

PALESTINE TRUCE ENDANGERED

Jerusalem, June 17.
The Jewish underground served public notice on the British that the truce which had been promised during the United Nations hearings here might proceed with new waves of violence if the death sentences of three Jewish youths were not commuted.

Irgun Zvai Leumi warned today that if the British intended to wait until the Palestine Inquiry Committee left before the youth were executed, the underground would not withhold reprisals.

In pamphlets spread throughout Tel-Aviv, the Irgun said they would "allow" Palestine authorities a few days to commute the death sentences of the three Jewish youths. But they warned that they would not "expose the condemned men to possible repulsion of the Gruner case where execution was delayed and where the condemned man was held in a cell three months and then executed unexpectedly."

STERN GANG WARNING

At the same time, the Stern gang served similar warning that "unless the British were called upon to respect the United Nations appeal for a truce we shall be compelled to adopt the most drastic measures. We shall be in a position to comply with UNSCOP be able to come up with UNSCOP as an instrument for the execution of one-sided truce on the part of the Jewish fighting underground while the enemy proceeds with its crimes undisturbed."

In a four-page memorandum to members of the UNSCOP, the Sternists recalled the terms they offered following the United Nations call for a truce. "Instances of the British allegedly continued to employ vigorous repressive measures, deportations of immigrants, expulsions of political prisoners, death sentences, executions, military trials, restrictions, humiliations and economic strangulation."

Both declarations were interpreted here as a prelude to joint Irgun-Sternist sabotage against the military police, government personnel, and property probably at the end of this week.

It was officially learned that the three Irgunists who were sentenced to death yesterday were transferred from Jerusalem to Acre Prison. The reason for the transfer was not given but it was believed to guard against suicide or Irgun raid on Jerusalem Prison.—United Press.

House Backs Veto

Washington, June 17.
The House of Representatives today sustained President Truman's veto on the cut of four thousand million dollars in United States domestic taxation, which had been previously approved by Congress, by two votes.

The voting was 268 in favour of overriding the veto and 137 in favour of sustaining it. Since to overcome the President's veto required a two-thirds majority of those present, the voting fell short of overriding the veto by only two votes.

The House action eliminates any possibility of tax reduction in the present Congress.—Reuter.

Loan For China

Projects Presented

Washington, June 17.
Official United States and Chinese sources said today that Ambassador Wellington Koo in a conference late in the day with the Assistant Secretary of Economic Affairs, Mr. William Clayton, was scheduled to present a formal request for State Department approval of the Chinese projects to use the \$500,000,000 earmarked Export Import Bank loan.

Sources said the Chinese new have presented to the State Department projects which, if approved, would require the entire \$500,000,000. They said Koo and Clayton will discuss these projects this afternoon. They said the projects now in the hands of the State Department are divided into three categories.

Sources said the first importance concerned the rehabilitation of China's transportation system; 2, relating to industrial rehabilitation and 3, agriculture.

MARSHALL IN FAVOUR

It is known that Gen. George Marshall for the past several weeks has been pressing for the release of the Export Import Bank loan, which the bank is holding earmarked for China, a personal commitment to Marshall.

Gen. Marshall started pressing the bank when he became convinced after talking with Senator Arthur Vandenberg that no large-scale Congressional aid was possible this year.

This whole range of considerations will be reviewed by Koo and Clayton. Formal presentation of the projects to the bank is scheduled as the next step.—United Press.

MR BEVIN FLIES TO PARIS FOR TALKS

Paris, June 17.
Foundations were being laid at a dinner party at the British Embassy here tonight to make the United States Secretary of State, George Marshall's plan for aid to Europe a reality.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, the French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, were all seated round the dinner table with their economic experts.

The talks represented the first contacts towards defining the practical scope of Europe's answer to General Marshall's call for a European initiative.

Incomplete as this first contact was bound to be, it may well be far-reaching for the subsequent trend of planning under the Marshall project.

M. Herve Alphand, Economic Director of the French Foreign Office, today submitted a written memorandum to the British Embassy. The British Foreign Minister and his colleagues at the Embassy studied the plan shortly after their arrival in Paris.

It is taken for granted that the memorandum contains substantially the same proposals as were outlined previously by M. Alphand—particularly the setting up of four working committees to collate the needs and potential resources of European countries under four heads—coal, steel, transport and agriculture.

At first sight, the Alphand memorandum suggests that France sees the first step of international planning on a very down-to-earth plane, since these four headings are precisely the key problems of France's own economic position.

With the threat of an impending inflationary spiral, the needs in the minds of every statesman and man in the street here, the full force of General Marshall's belief that only Europe can assess her urgent problems is vividly brought home to the observer.

There is good reason to believe that the experts will start consultations without delay on a small scale, involving only those countries in western Europe, whose problems are complementary and whose views could be obtained without much loss of time.

These countries are Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg.

Against this will be the political consideration of wishing to avoid the appearance of exclusive talks, which might be denounced as an economic "western bloc". That is the real dilemma facing Britain's Foreign Minister and France's Socialist Premier at tonight's dinner.

The dilemma is accentuated by the ominous comment on the Marshall plan published yesterday in Moscow in the official mouthpiece of the Communist Party, Pravda, which denounced the plan as a thinly disguised rebuff of President Truman's anti-Communist doctrine, transplanted into the economic field.

Meanwhile, the questions facing the French and British delegations now considering General Marshall's plan are:

1. In the Pan-European planning under the Marshall project to begin on a limited western European basis and work outward in the hope of gaining time and setting the ball rolling, or is it to await the consent of the majority of European countries to meet round a table to discuss a comprehensive agenda of reconstruction?

2. If the latter course is adopted, how is the meeting to be summoned and who will draw up the agenda?

3. In the event of a Soviet refusal to take part in joint European planning under the Marshall project, will France and Britain continue their initiative in the remainder of Europe, and if so, will they attempt to bring in the countries of eastern Europe at present in the Soviet sphere of influence?

4. How is planning under the Marshall project to be co-ordinated with economic planning for Germany, and who is to represent Germany in any planning organisation?

On the last point, observers here believe it inevitable that France will reopen in some form the question of the Ruhr, whose resources she has consistently claimed should form the core of any Pan-European economic planning.

In both French and British circles, there is a tendency to warn against expending too much and too fast.

Immigration To Australia

Melbourne, June 18.
Australia plans to open immigration offices in eight foreign countries, Mr Arthur Calwell, Australian Immigration Minister announced in Melbourne, on Tuesday.

The offices will be at Oslo, Amsterdam, Paris, Berlin, San Francisco, New York, Shanghai, New Delhi and Cairo; he said in a press statement.

Immigration functions previously dealt with by Australian government representatives and, in some cases, by British government representatives, will be taken over by these new centres.—Associated Press.

Plan To Assassinate Stalin

Berlin Revelation

Nuremberg, June 17.

Files of the United States chief of war crimes counsel today produced a document which alleged that the Japanese plotted to assassinate Marshal Josef Stalin in January 1939 and succeeded in smuggling ten disgruntled Russians, equipped with bombs, across the Soviet border to accomplish the deed.

The document was a memorandum signed by Heinrich Himmler and taken from his personal files with the fall of the Nazis. It told of a conversation between Himmler and the Japanese ambassador to Berlin, General Oshima.

The document related that Oshima was engaged in subversive work in Russia in co-operation with the Germans.

"Up till now, Oshima has succeeded in smuggling ten Russians equipped with bombs over the Caucasus border," the document said. "Their mission is to murder Stalin. A number of other Russians sent by him were shot on the border."

Oshima also told Himmler he was sending propaganda surreptitiously into Russia via Poland and Rumania, according to the document.—United Press.

INDIA'S FOOD CRISIS

New Delhi, June 17.
The food crisis in India—the worst in three years—will probably last until September, an official spokesman of the Central Food Department said here today.

He gave two reasons for the deterioration in the food situation—the damage done to rice in the central India wheat belt and the poor quality of the wheat crop just harvested in the Punjab.

The Government was trying to meet the situation by three steps, the official said, intensifying internal procurement, conserving existing stocks and importing from abroad.

The expected total of imports during June, July and August were 494,000 tons as against India's requirements of 1,600,000 tons during these three lean months.—Reuter.

Clerk Allegedly Involved In \$6,000,000 Transaction

Berlin, June 17.
Army Headquarters disclosed today that it had charged George F. Trips, 24-year-old Military Government clerk, with illegally participating in a \$6,000,000 transaction involving a Czechoslovakian firm and the British Government.

A former filling station attendant, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Trips was accused of having taken part in a series of deals in which a Prague company sold 400,000 tons of potatoes to the British Control Commissions for Germany and Austria.

He was also accused of illegally buying three automobiles and of illegal possession of firearms.

The formal charges said the youthful redhead did "wrongfully and unlawfully engage in business and was found to have unlawfully used his position with the Army of the United States to engage in a business dealing not directly connected with his duties."

Photostatic copies of correspondence showed that between July 23, 1945 and January 24, 1947 a total of \$1,478,748 was deposited in Trips' name in London, then transferred to a New York joint account in the names of George F. Trips and Anna Moudry, identified as Trips' aunt.

The clerk's salary in the Military Government's Decentralized Branch was \$3,376 per month.—United Press.

HIGHSPOTS OF YESTERDAY'S SPORTS

Royal Ascot Opens In Sunshine

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

Ascot, June 17.
The Royal Ascot, graced today, the first of its four-day meeting, by the King and Queen and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, did not turn out such a benefit for France as was generally anticipated for not one single prize of today's six valuable events went across the Channel.

In glorious sunshine and before a crowd which, if not up to its pre-war splendour in the matter of elegance, was nonetheless smart and well dressed, Sir John Jarvis won the chief prize of the day, the Ascot Stakes, for the second year in succession with his four-year-old horse, Reynard Volant. This son of Fox Hunter, starting at eight to one, scored an easy three lengths' victory over this two and a half mile course, despite carrying top weight of nine stone four pounds.

In winning the events two years running, Reynard Volant followed the footsteps of Fawn, who won in 1938 and 1939. No French-trained horse completed in this event.

Racing was marred by tragedy to the four-year-old colt Gorge, in the afternoon when he struck the rails a furlong from home and had to be destroyed as a result of his injuries. He broke a leg as well as his neck. His jockey, Jock Carson, came out unscathed.

NO LUCK FOR FRENCH
In the other long distance of the day, the Gold Vase, over two miles, no fewer than three French-trained horses competed, but not one caught the judges. The race was won by the English-owned grey colt, Aurania, starting at 100 to eight.

Perhaps the chief blow to French hopes was in the opening event of the day, the Queen Anne Stakes, named after Ascot's Royal founder, in which the French favourite Solina only finished third to Woodruffe, owned by Mr John Dewar.

Mr Dewar completed a first-last double when the Derby favourite, Tudor Minstrel won the St. James' Palace Stakes. Running over his favourite distance of one mile and opposed only by two other runners, the Minstrel won comfortably by five lengths from his old Derby rival Tito Street. Prohibitive odds were asked by bookmakers about Tudor Minstrel, who started at six to 100.

Fred Darling, trainer of Woodruffe and Tudor Minstrel, had a splendid treble when The Cobble, owned by Colonel Giles Loder, ran away with the Coventry Stakes of five furlongs.

FAST TWO-YEAR-OLD
The Cobble, who is by the famous Irish stallion Windsor Slipper, showed the steepest rise to be one of the fastest, it was the fastest two-year-old colt in the country. Starting at four to five he beat by three lengths Belvedere.

It would be a strange Ascot if the Aga Khan's colours were not successful and sure enough, his filly Mariska won the two-year-old Stakes over five furlongs. Again, it was an easy victory.

French owners are looking forward to a better day tomorrow, but British owners think that they can keep the premier prize, The Royal Hunt Cup, in this country.

There has been some very heavy wagering on this handicap which, despite its annual open nature, is usually the heaviest gambling medium during the four days.—Reuter.

S. AFRICANS WIN AGAIN

London, June 17.
Some brisk hitting by Dudley Nourse in the first four and half of play at Taunton today and steady bowling in the afternoon enabled the South Africans to beat Somerset by an innings and 43 runs with an hour to spare.

The final scores were: Somerset 170 and 155. South Africans 308 for eight declared.

Nourse played a bright innings of 65 in 75 minutes and hit ten fours. He was ably supported by Kenneth Viljoen, who batted soundly for 54 not out in 80 minutes. The South Africans were thus able to declare at lunch and leave the county to make 190 to avert an innings defeat.

The tourists also, however, were too much for the unopposed Somerset batsmen, of whom Lawrence, with 40, which included seven fours, was the highest scorer. Lee and Luckes, who each scored 22, made an effort to pull the game round, but wickets fell at regular intervals and Somerset were weakened by a team full of confidence.

Films, fast-medium, took four wickets for 41 and Dawson three for 28.

Results of other first-class games which ended today were: At Guildford: Surrey drew with Cambridge University. Cambridge 200 (McMahon three for 20). Surrey 280 and 119 for four.

At Hereford: Combined Services beat Worcestershire by 131 runs. Combined Services 87 and 238. Worcestershire 110 and 84 (Whitehead five for ten).

At Swinsea: Glamorgan drew with Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire 153 and 152 for five declared (Wilson not out 51, Crapp 55). Glamorgan 90 and 120 for seven (Dyson not out 71, Lambert four for 18).

At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Essex. Lancashire 245 for three declared. Essex 139 and 150 for seven.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Hampshire. Hampshire 380 for six declared. Northampton 193 (Broderick 67, Davies 50, Ransom five for 50).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire drew with Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire 153 and 152 for five declared (Wilson not out 51, Crapp 55). Warwickshire 357 and 119 for four.

At Lords: Middlesex drew with Yorkshire. Yorkshire 187 and 147 for four (Hutton 67). Middlesex 350 for two declared (Robinson 108, Brown 130, Edrich not out 64, Compton not out 60).

At Loughborough: Kent beat Leicestershire by 52 runs. Kent 175 and 183 (Fagg 57, Walsh five for 01, Jackson five for 18). Leicestershire 166 (Wright seven for 65) and 100 (Wright five for 52, Dovey five for 50).

At Horsham: Derbyshire beat Sussex by 89 runs. Derby 210 and 183.

Choy's Success

London, June 17.
W. C. Choy, former Chinese Davis Cup player, and well-known in Hongkong tennis circles, today entered the third round of the Queen's Club singles, beating G. E. Godsell, of Bristol, 10-15, 4-6, 6-3 in a second round match.

Other second round winners were the Indian players, I. Ahmed, who defeated E. Wiltman, of Poland by 6-2, 6-3; M. Mullan, who beat the Rumanian player, C. Tansescu 7-5, 6-3.—Reuter.

SAUCKEL WIDOW FINED

Berchtesgaden, June 17.
Elizabeth Sauckel, widow of Fritz Sauckel, Nazi Minister of Labour, was fined 1,000 marks and placed on probation for three years by a Berchtesgaden denazification court today.

Fritz Sauckel was one of the 10 Nazi leaders hanged last October after sentence by the International Court at Nuremberg.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Rehabilitation Costs

THE break-down figures of allocations to various departments from the proposed rehabilitation loan of 200,000,000 dollars point an unwavering finger to the physical havoc the Colony suffered between December 1941 and September, 1945, and emphasise the high cost of rehabilitation. At least 90 per cent of the proposed 1947-48 expenditure from the loan is to be devoted to replacement and restoration—pathwork, some of it to keep essential services ticking over until what time more permanent improvements can be undertaken. Expenditure at Kai Tak is an illustration. Under the heading of "Air and Meteorological Service," it is proposed to spend about \$200,000 on an aircraft launch, airport lighting, towers aircraft mooring, control towers equipment, furnishing for terminal centre, flying boat pontoon and other equipment which will be new only insofar as it is replacement. Under the item, "Miscellaneous Public Works," a further million odd dollars are allocated on other Kai Tak improvements, or rather reconditioning. Altogether, about \$1,500,000 is to be spent during the current financial year on putting Kai Tak into some sort of shape—presumably into an airport that will strive to

serve our needs for two or three years—time enough, it is hoped, to allow Whitehall to make up its mind about a permanent airfield that will meet requirements. The conclusion to be drawn after a study of the detailed allocations to the 14 departments included in the proposed loan means that a substantial new public works are contemplated. Even under "agriculture, forestry and gardens," one finds a considerable percentage of the \$300,000 estimated expenditure is to go to "replanting," "restoration," "re-forestation," and "rehabilitation." Medical Services will absorb three-quarters of its total \$722,000 allocation for supplementary grants-in-aid, while eight out of the 13 sub-heads for Education are being dealt with by equipment grants-in-aid, which means replacement. The necessity and the good sense of spending money in these directions is not in question, but the cost of getting Hongkong back to a working condition approximating to 1941 may come as a shock to many. It means that if the Colony is to have bigger and better social services in the future the demands on the public purse are going to be severe. And because these services are going to cost more the taxpayers must have a fair voice in determining how the money is to be spent.

SHOWING TO-DAY **THE WALLS** At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m. AIR-CONDITIONED



ALSO LATEST GAUMONT BRITISH NEWS



ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL. Booking Hours: 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Daily

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



FREDRIC MARCH

THE ACADEMY-AWARD-WINNER OF THE YEAR



Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL, cor, sufferin' archbishops," said the Sweep, "if that don't take the Untley and Palmer."

"What, do?" I said.

"Why, cor, stone the crows," said the Sweep, "in one part of the paper they say we're goin' to be ungrier than ever and on the next page they're askin' us to give our blood to the orsatpals. Cor strike a light, what blood?"

"What indeed?" I said.

"Cor luvaduck," said the Sweep, "they've put us on the ration for seven year. They take our money away in taxes, they put water in our beer and charge us more for it, and now they're after our blood. Cor sufferin' Mike, no wonder people want to sit out of the country."

"No wonder," I said.

"I see even the fish are scuttlin' off now."

"Go on?" I said.

"Accordin' to the papers," said the Sweep, "fish are leavin' the North Sea, and personally meself I don't blame them."

"Nor me," I said.

"I don't suppose they enjoyed last winter any more than we did," said the Sweep, "specially with them there little old icebergs off the East Coast."

"That's right," I said.

"All the same," said the Sweep, "you don't want to git too downhearted."

"I ain't," I said.

"You ave all the lovely English summer to look forward to."

ANOTHER 'AWESOME' WEAPON

James Marion Snodgrass, 39-year-old biophysicist said in an interview in Cincinnati, that he was one of a group of scientists who developed a secret Anglo-American weapon. He said that it was "as awesome in its effects as the atomic bomb."

Reluctant to discuss the weapon, Snodgrass said it was not connected in any way with the atom bomb and was not a biological weapon. He would not comment, when asked whether it was for use against humans, aircraft or vessels. Asked about the weapon as an alternative for the atomic bomb, Snodgrass said that only "first reports are substantially true, but perhaps they are exaggerated a little."

Snodgrass is chief engineer of a consultant engineering firm. He said he joined the British and New Zealand scientists in developing the weapon while he was a civilian attached to National Defence Research Council. He said professor T. D. Leech of New Zealand headed the project. Associated Press.

"And a lovely seaside holiday with only art the trains runnin'."

"Too true."

"To say nothink of a little back room in a boardin' house at five pound a week with roast beef for dinner every other week."

"That's right."

"Which will be the week you ain't there," said the Sweep.

"Sure to be," I said.

"Thank you," I said.

"It's a funny thing about the Budget," said the Sweep, "they wait till the winter's art killed you, then, just when you're feelin' a bit appier in the springtime, they wip that smile off your face with a lot of new taxes."

"They do," I said.

"Because you needn't expect nothink off beer," said the Sweep.

"I don't," I said.

"They're more likely to put a bit on," said the Sweep.

"Quite likely," I said.

"And as for a drop of Scotch," said the Sweep, "a won't matter what they put on that because there won't be none to ave."

"There certainly won't," I said.

"So before the beer goes up," said the Sweep, "you might as well ave one for the road."

"Thank you," I said.

"And if you're passin' the orsatpal," said the Sweep, "you might as well offer them a drop of your blood. The skin off your nose."

"The skin off your nose," I said.

Diary of a worm

FLUSHED, excited worm arrives home late and tells wife witty worm friends have elected him member of Constitut'onal Club.

Oh, so that's worm's latest move, is it? Not content with pouring money over bar of low tavern, ogling blonde barmaid and forgetting to count change, worm now has to have special bar to pour money over and pay special subscription for privilege of doing it. No doubt jolly-good-fellow worm feels flattered that ending worm friends have made him member of silly little club, but if wife's opinion were asked she would say ending worm friends have made sucker worm member to give him another chance of blizzing away paltry pittance like millionaire playboy.

Of course, if worm had joined proper gentleman's club, like gas manager, where he might meet people who would push him off office boy's stool into position of responsibility, wife could understand it.

At gas manager's club gas manager meets important people who have world affairs at fingertips, who are in touch with influential circles, who can discuss political problems at high level.

At gas manager's club there are ladies' nights with proper dining-room for ladies, with waiters in proper white ties and champagne in buckets of ice.

Naturally, wife would hardly expect that worm, who is laughing stock of City, would ever be made member of gas manager's club, as gas manager's club has to be particular, and only elects people who would be world through hard work, brains and initiative and not been content to be at beck and call of every Tom, Dick and Harry and wasted opportunities like worm, mixing with lowest of low in low taverns.

At worm's silly little club wife supposes, they would be lucky to have water at all, though they probably have dingy blonde barmaid to oggle sex-mad worms and worm's sex-mad friends.

As for meeting influential people, wife supposes the most influential people worm might meet would be inspectors of gas meters instead of gas managers.

And as for ladies' nights, wife supposes the most she could expect would be glass of warm beer on front doorstep, if worm remembered to invite her.

If lordly worm had wanted to be London clubman it might have been better if worm had got on in world first and got right introductions and made enough money to pay subscriptions and pour money over counters.

Then worm might have gone from peak to peak, like gas manager, and wife might have lived in proper home, instead of pigsty, with proper curtains, with proper dinner served at seven every night, and proper maid in proper uniform waiting at table.

As it is, of course, worm must join low club, even lower than low tavern, where he will spend evenings and week-ends squandering office boy's wages on people who don't matter, till he finally ends up in gutter, dragging wife with him.

Letter from Mr. Lucifer

DEAR Mr. Gubbins, I write to draw your attention to a cable from Washington, dismissed by my newspaper in a few lines.

"The new War Department urges the U.S. to seek allies 'to help America absorb atomic attacks'."

In other words, America is looking for shock absorbers.

Apart from the fact that this policy comes strangely from a country which has so frequently and unjustly accused Britain of using other people to fight her battles, I wonder if you realise, my dear Mr Gubbins, that you are now regarded as a shock absorber for the first few atomic bombs?

Students of history will know that Britain, particularly the British Navy, has always been regarded by American statesmen as a shock absorber against European aggression, but this is the first time for many years that it has been stated publicly.

All intelligent and educated Americans are aware that this situation has existed since America became an independent nation, though if you read some of the more ignorant editorials in the American yellow Press you might form the opinion that the United States is always playing the part of the big, benevolent brother, helping you out of a mess.

As a matter of historical fact, you have always given her time to get ready.

So now you know how you stand, my poor Mr Gubbins, in much the same situation as the gents in atomic bomb experiments at Bikini.

Next time there will be no bundles for Britain. You won't need any. But I expect your wife will be thoroughly and dramatically reported by American correspondents in a warship a long way off the coast.

I am giving you this warning because for one thing, the Widow and I (particularly the Widow) have always had a soft spot for you, and for another I'm afraid I am entirely responsible for the situation.

Even in my most optimistic moments I never thought I could get the nations at each other's throats less than two years after my dear pupil, Adolf Hitler, was alleged to have committed suicide.

In the past, even after minor conflicts which affected only a small proportion of the populations, the nations rested for at least two decades before they became quarrelsome again.

Now, when everybody in the world is affected and complete self-destruction is a possibility, they can hardly wait for the word go.

As you might suppose, I have not wasted any time since V-Day. A week in the Kremlin drinking vodka and eating caviare, then a week in Wall-street drinking old fashioned and eating plank steaks. Then back to the Kremlin, and so on.

It has all been most delightful and so terribly easy to scare one group of fools about Communism and the other group of fools about Capitalism.

I expect you have often wondered why these clever people who control nations are so foolish? Well, I will tell you. It is fear, a weakness I never fail to exploit.

I can assure you that the simplest peasant who fears nothing is a genius compared with these terrified statesmen and financiers.

And now, you will say here is my friend Mr. Lucifer trying to frighten me. Well, I must admit it, Mr. Gubbins. I have always wanted to tempt you to something more than an occasional binge, but have never succeeded.

But on this occasion it is more than a professional matter. I would really like to save you from becoming an experimental buffer goat.

The Widow joins me in hoping our dear Nat will soon give up everything before it is too late and be one of the merry company in our yacht as, S.W.A.M.C.

Rescued by several of her delicious cocktails, we will watch the next war from there.

Yours ever, Mephy.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DURING our journey to the Black Nile in search of the black prawn we had to pass through the unexplored territory west of Mgon. This territory is inhabited almost exclusively by crocodiles, which the natives kill in a very strange manner.

A marmoset is loutered by a bamboo crane to within a few feet of the crocodile, and the crane then travels slowly away, dangling the bait. The crocodile follows, twisting his neck further and further round to get at the marmoset. Finally, the neck twists so far round that it snaps, and the beast drops dead. We learned this method, but at my first attempt I was bitten by the marmoset, and only saved myself from the crocodile by pushing a fallen tree-trunk wedge-wise between its jaws, and so locking them.

An albino prawn

DEAR Sir, It may interest your readers to know that my uncle, Mr Horace Treggle, while hunting dibucoste along the banks of the Poopoo, accidentally shot an albino prawn which had come up for air. He sent it to the Appleby Natural History Museum, where it may be seen today.

Yrs. faithfully,

(Mrs.) ENID WHYBROW.

An odd occurrence

THE other day a man who put his head in a lion's mouth for a bet found that he could not withdraw it. Nor could the lion move its jaws. The head was such a perfect fit that but for the man's discomfort one or two spectators would have been inclined to leave matters as they were, and to take bets on which would starve to death first, the man or the lion. Finally, a barber was called, and when the man's head had been shaved, he was just able to withdraw it and spring back. A second later the lion closed its jaws with a snap. The man laughingly declined to put the lion's head in his mouth. "It wouldn't fit," he said, "and there would be no sense in it."

Printer's frolic

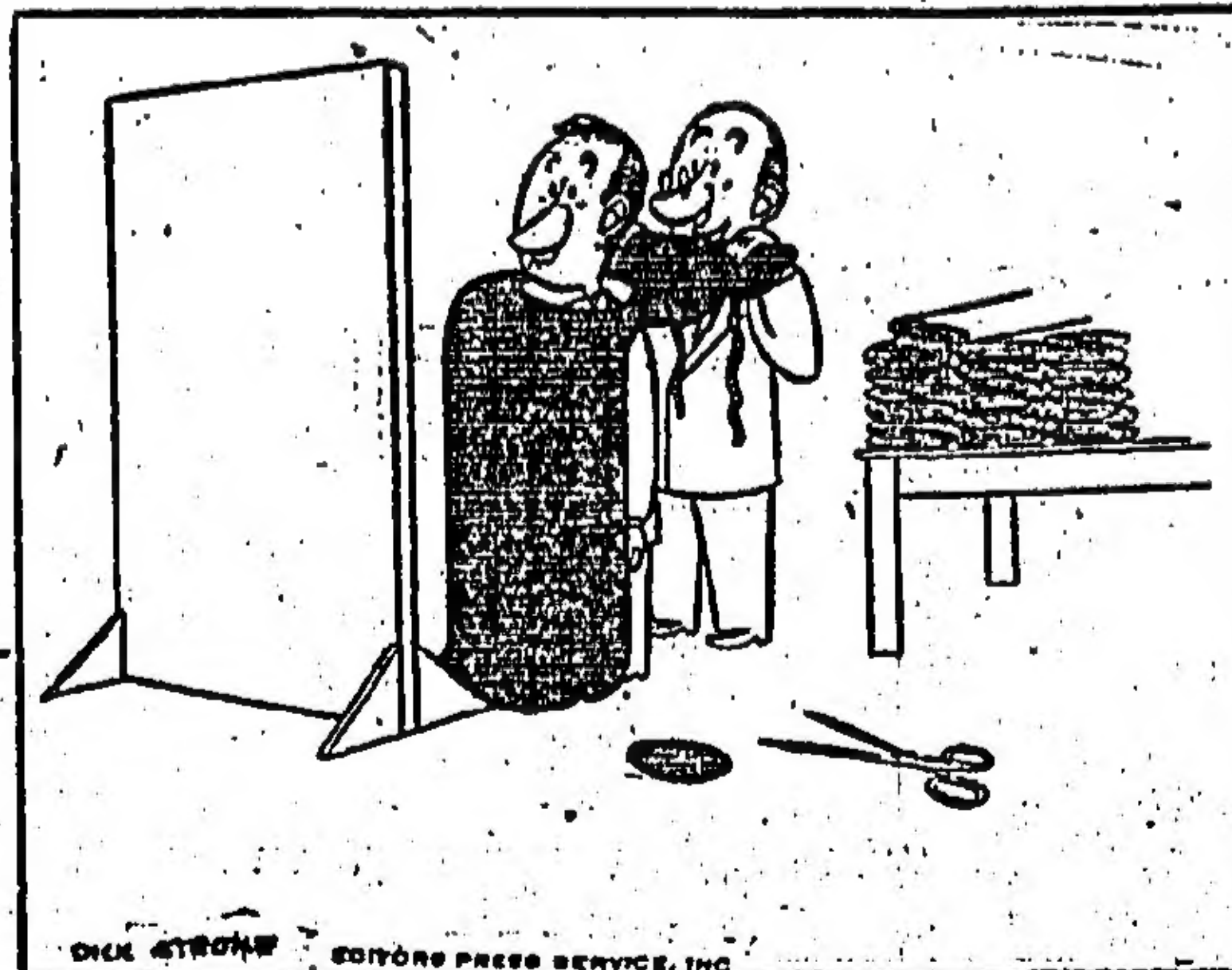
...In the days when a woman baked her own beard.

(Morning paper.)

HOME-MADE beard is always the best, as the lady said at the fair.

Short story

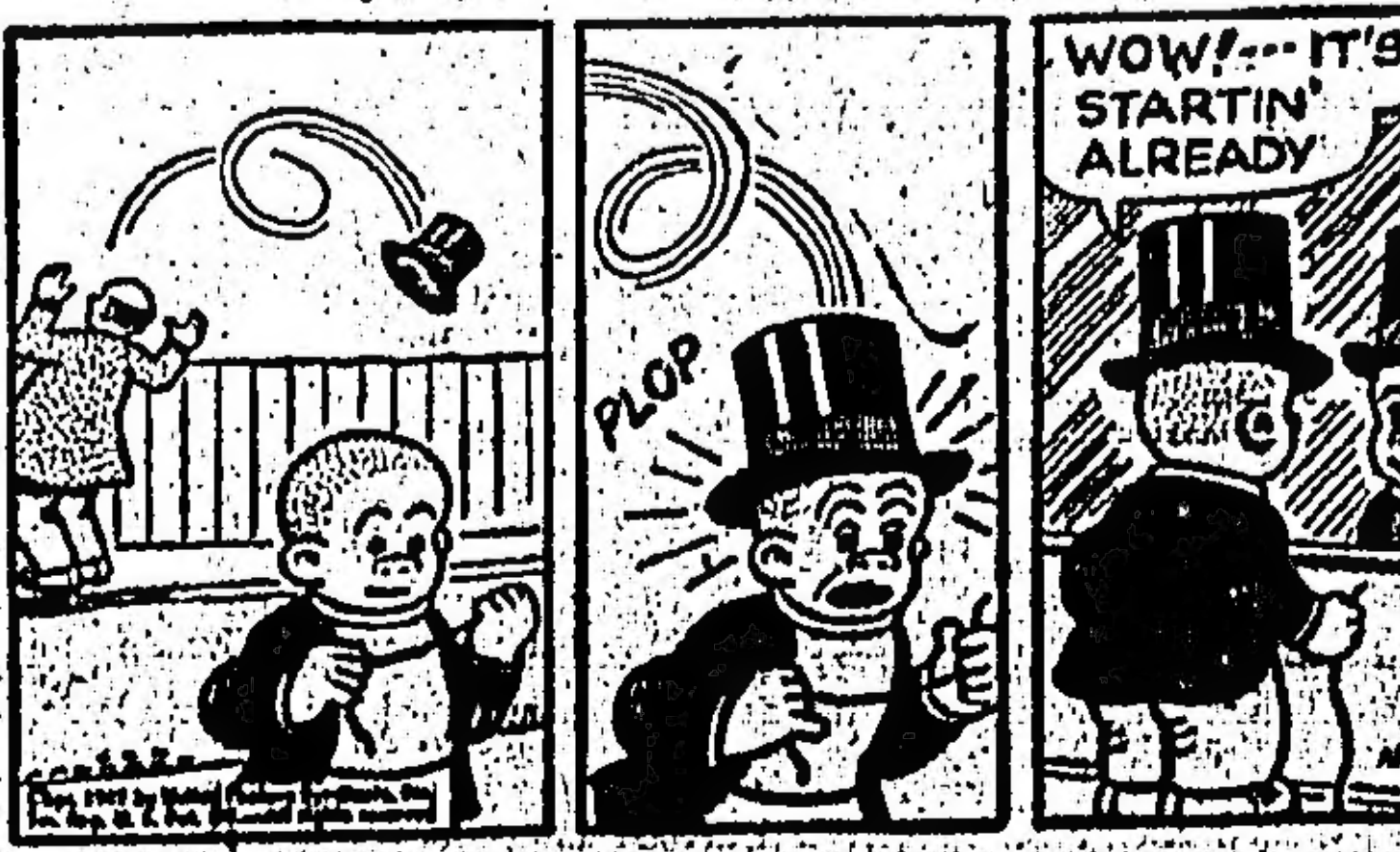
AND so, after four years' search, Giles Warrander had found his love. Unable to believe his good fortune, he advanced towards her, his arms extended to draw her to him, his eyes alight, his temples throbbing. "My own!" he cried. He never knew what hit him. With all the power of her athletic body behind the blow Mavis's clenched fist caught him on the point of the chin, and he went down like a ninepin. In a corner of the room the gramophone continued to play "Parlez-moi d'Amour."



NANCY Now for a Pocketful in Between



By Ernie Bushmiller



When You Feel Tired and Restless

Ask For ELLIOTT'S TONIC

On Sale at All Dispensaries



Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Martha O'Driscoll for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds gives you the direct answers to your problems.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am 30 years old and have gray hair, brown eyes and a fair skin. Please suggest an evening coat that will have glamour but will also be practical. I have to drive into town from the country for parties. I will make the coat myself—HILDA."

Why not have a Glamour coat and a Smart one. Choose a length of Crisp wool or flannel. Make a fitted coat buttoned with jet. Interline it with a Black quilted satin. Embroider your initials in Red on the lining, just below the shoulder.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Do you think a permanent wave is attractive in very fine blonde hair?—NELLIE." Yes, because that baby-fine hair takes on a new "body" and it can be arranged so easily. Discuss a "cold wave" with your beauty operator. They are very fine for that problem hair.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Does the bridegroom pay for the bride's ring and his own wedding ring?—MOM." The Bridegroom pays for the Bride's engagement ring and for

Minnie Makeup
by GABRIELLE



Give yourself a mask treatment at least once a week. Use a good, rich tissue cream at least once every day. If your skin is dry, use an application of warmed oil twice a week. Scrub the skin well with a creamy soap-lather, using a small complexion brush. Rinse off the soapy lather, then sponge well with mild astringent lotion.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I wish you wouldn't play so roughly with the children just before their bedtime!"

Franco Wanted To Fight Us In 1940

As early as August 1943, when the Wehrmacht armies were still deep in Russian territory and Italy had not yet defected from the Axis, Hitler was already convinced that he would not win the war by force of arms. The Fuehrer's main hope and encouragement lay in differences between the Western Allies and Soviet Russia.

This is revealed in a new series of German documents on naval affairs which have just been published. They are records of conferences held at the Fuehrer's Headquarters, attended by naval chiefs Doenitz and Raeder, and were found in the archives of the German Admiralty.

In a conversation with Doenitz, Hitler admitted that the situa-

SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER

By GARRY LUNZIE

Round by the Campsie Fells, not so far from Glasgow, you will find the town of Kilsyth (population 9,000). Nothing unusual about Kilsyth, just a Scottish town in the Scottish style, with grey stone houses, built for comfort and durability and not for any fancy appearance. The folk are hard-working and industrious, nothing out of the ordinary about them either.

Yet Kilsyth is going to be the scene of a rare old struggle in the near future. The first few shots have been fired and have whistled harmlessly by. But wait a wee while, as they say, and you will hear the boom-boom of the big guns once the battle really gets going.

The trouble at Kilsyth is booze, or the lack of it. The Dumbartonshire town is one of the few remaining "dry" areas in Scotland. The lads of the village, back from the Services, allied to others in the community, want a poll. They want their pubs back. But Kilsyth has been under the Local Veto Act for 27 years. The last time the town was voted "dry" in Scotland.

So the temperance bodies are gliding their loins, as it were, and they are preparing to fight their greatest battle. They mean to keep Kilsyth free from the ravages of strong drink. Recently the five fishing villages, Wick and Lerwick, voted themselves back to the booze balliwit. They have got their licences and their public houses. Now Kilsyth is being besieged.

Comin' Thru' The Rye

Maybe you have read in the papers that Bing Crosby is to play the part of Robert Burns in a film of the poet, to be made in Hollywood. Whether that project ever comes off is another point, and a lot of us Scots will be hoping it doesn't. What may be all right for Kansas City would give everybody the collywobblers in Kilbride!

In fact, while the Americans have been talking about Burns film, a new British film company have begun on a new film of Burns called "Comin' Thru' The Rye."

It will be partly documentary and will avoid any cooked up angle about romance and the loves of the ploughman-poet. No one actor will be cast for the part of Robert Burns. A fair portion of the picture will be about the scenery of the Burns country, and the camera handles, are turning at this very moment along the Ayrshire coast. The film unit will visit Ayr, Irvine, Kilmarlock, Mauchline, Dumfries and Edinburgh. The part of the picture will take about three weeks to make.

The Glasgow Choir, under its conductor, Sir Hugh Robertson, will do the background singing and the solo songs.

There is likely to be some competition among Scottish actors for the chance to recite some of Burns's poems which will be another feature of the film. The company making the picture, Advance Films, expect to complete the job by the autumn.

News in Brief

New headmaster of George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, is Mr W. M. Dewar, rector of Greenock Academy since 1941. Large shoals of sharks are reported off the island of Elgie. Unemployment figures in Scotland for April were the lowest since last August. There were 24,000 more persons working in April than in March. A direct air service between Shetland and London has begun. 50 factory girls from Chapelhall, Lanarkshire, are going to work in a sister factory in Australia. Jack McDonald has been appointed Selkirk standard bearer. Ian Munro is this year's Melrosian. He served in the Navy during the war at Torquay during the town's Youth Week. A special plant has been installed at North Connell, Ayr, for the extraction of esterwax from the pent deposits at Achnacree. Campbeltown Town Council is to appoint a £250 a year part-time Town Clerk. Mr W. H. McDowell, Wick, has been appointed head postmaster at Dunoon.

For the first time since before the war the Cameronian Regiment were fully represented at the Conventicle at Douglas to commemorate the raising of the Regiment. The colours of the Black Watch have been handed back to the regiment after being kept throughout the war in the vaults of the National Bank of Scotland at Dundee.

tion was perilous and that the coming months "would bring hardships", but he considered that "favourable political developments were by no means impossible."

This is how he reasoned:—"As our difficulties mount, the conflicting objectives of the Allies increase and become more evident. Malsky and Litvinoff have been recalled unexpectedly. Churchill and Roosevelt have met without Stalin. The war aims of Moscow and the German Committee have caused the British to sit up and listen, and they are commented upon uneasily by responsible British newspapers. There is danger of an expansion of Russian power into the heart of Europe. The British have manoeuvred themselves into an awkward position. They entered the war in order to preserve the balance of power in Europe. Meanwhile, Russia has awakened and developed into a great power, which now constitutes more of a menace than in the past."

Not Convinced

Furthermore, he was not convinced that the British intended to fight in Europe on a wide front. It was a question, he said, of holding out stubbornly. The new defensive weapons his experts were working on would make the Allied air raids too costly and cause them to be discontinued. Thus far, the Allied bombers had proved no major worry to the German leader. Ruhr production had only been affected up to eight percent. Even Hamburg, after the shattering raids of July, was ready to go with war production, though the morale of the people had been shaken. And the Reich was much better off with regard to food than in 1918. So he looked forward hopefully to a stalemate in the West.

Other interesting secrets revealed in these documents are Franco's readiness to enter the war on the Nazis' side in 1940, and German plans to occupy Spain and Portugal. The latter were advanced by Field Marshal Kesselring after the fall of Tunisia. He wanted to forestall the Allied invasion of Europe by a German invasion of the Iberian peninsula in order to strike at the flank of the Allied offensive and regain the initiative.

Doenitz supported the idea, but Hitler turned it down. The Fuehrer would not consent to the Spaniards' out of the question, since they are the only tough Latin people and would carry on guerrilla warfare in our rear. In 1940 it might have been possible to get Spain to agree to such a move. However, the Italian attack on Greece in the autumn of 1940 shocked Spain.

Italy's Jealousy

"On another occasion, Hitler remarked: 'Spain was ready to enter the war in 1940, but only Italy's jealousy kept her from actually doing so.'"

New light is also shed on Italy's collapse. Relations between the two Axis partners during the summer of 1943 were coloured with intrigue, suspicion, and disbelief.

The invasion of Sicily by the Allies on July 10, 1943 came as an unpleasant shock for Hitler. He had accepted indications he had been given that the landings would take place in Greece or Sardinia, with the result that considerable surprise was achieved and Sicily was ill-prepared to meet the Allied assault.

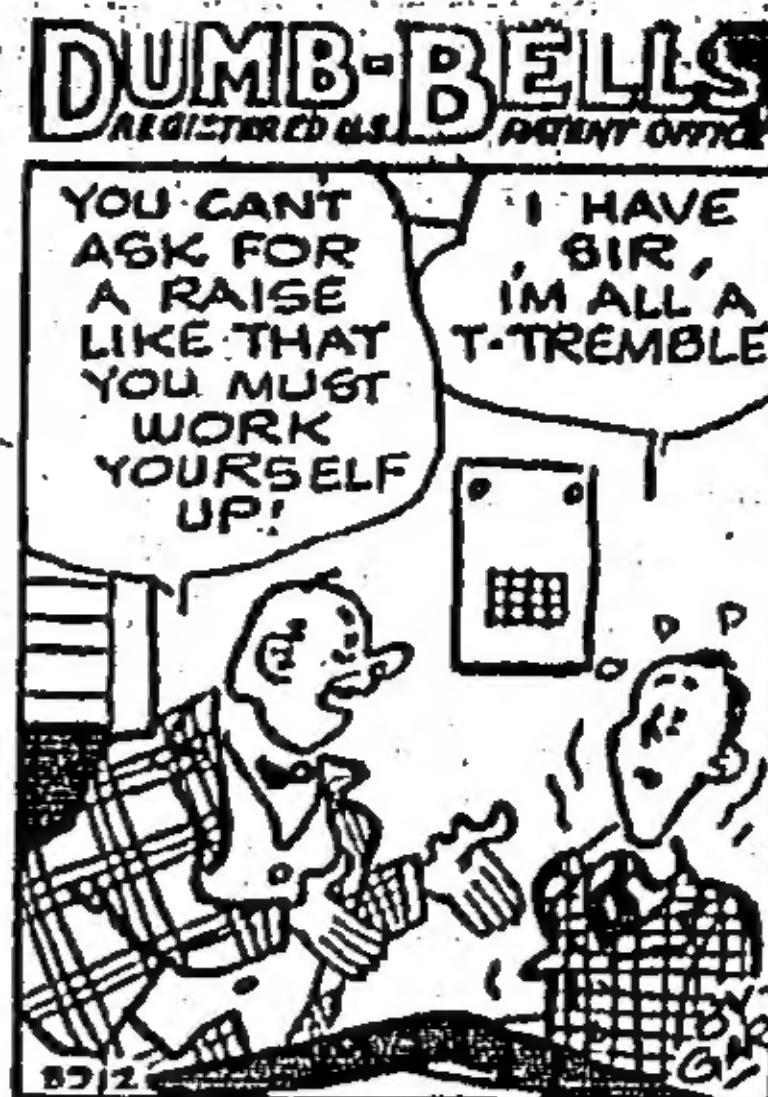
The fall of Mussolini a fortnight later, barely a week after the two dictators had met at Verona to plan future measures, also took the German Command completely by surprise. Hitler was convinced that Marshal Badoglio, head of the new Italian government, was planning "treason", but he was at a loss what to do about it.

Atmosphere Of Confusion

Endless discussions went on at his headquarters in an atmosphere of confusion and indecision. Fortunately for the Germans, the armistice with the Allies was not signed until the beginning of September, and by that time a number of Nazi troops had infiltrated into the peninsula, and German preparations for operations "Achse" (the capture and destruction of the Italian Fleet) and "Schwarz" (military occupation of Italy) were ready to be put into effect at once.

Part of the Italian Fleet, however, managed to escape as Doenitz had not been able to cover all ports adequately. But Mussolini was rescued from his mountain prison in a daring paratroop coup, a puppet government was quickly established in Central and Northern Italy, now virtually under German military law. Thus by ruthless action, Hitler had managed to prevent the Italian defection from becoming a total disaster, and paved the way for what was to become one of the longest and most bitter campaigns of the war.

It is interesting to conjecture what might have happened had the Allies been able to launch a full-scale military invasion of the Italian mainland immediately Mussolini fell, or if they had not insisted on unconditional surrender. The German forces then in Italy were not in a position to offer much opposition.



FROM HERE AND THERE:

GLAMOUR FOR THE LAWYERS

Vancouver, Canadian lawyers were told to "glamorise" themselves by wearing wigs and robes. The V. Rev. Cecil Swanson, Dean of Christ Church, told the Bar Association meeting: "A generation has grown up that has no respect for law. By glamorising the law that must be obeyed." He said that all Canada was in need of glamor treatment, adding that the wigs and robes in British courts contributed to the "deification of the law."

Nice—Corsican fishermen have appealed to the French Ministry of Marine for a warship to protect their nets from dolphins. Schools of dolphins have been playing havoc with the nets in Corsican waters besides scaring away the sardines and other small fish. The fishermen always follow the ships, the fishermen ask that a warship be dispatched to shell the marauders or kill them by exploding depth charges.

Copenhagen—An 87-year-old Danish-American, Hans Nielsen, who had not seen Denmark for 57 years, arrived in Copenhagen on board the Atlantic without a passport. "We didn't use a passport in my time," said Nielsen. The U.S. officials closed their eyes when the old man boarded the ship in New York, and so did the Danish authorities in Copenhagen.

Paris—Nylons and other stockings for women and ties for men are likely to come off the ration soon in France. This will be one result of conversations now going on between shopkeepers and the government to take off the ration goods which are no longer in short supply in France.

Genoa—The Genoa police arrested in a small boat two Spaniards and three Italian Communists caught smuggling by sea 17 machine-guns, a mortar and other arms to an organisation plotting to overthrow the French regime. Police found evidence that other shipments of arms taken place in the west or so previously.

New York—Florence La Guardia, awarded a free round-the-world trip by the One World Committee, presumably will make no speeches abroad. In reference to Henry Wallace, he says: "The place for us Americans to make speeches is here at home."

Ontario—Viscount Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, told a Chamber of Commerce meeting here: "Hundreds of thousands of people in Britain would come to Canada tomorrow if they had the chance." He said he did not "want to give advice" but "those people are there if you want them." Practically every day he received letters from people in Britain wanting to come to Canada, he said. "The same situation applies to all countries in Europe. This is a great compliment, but a careful selection should be made among would-be immigrants."

Ottawa—Canada is saving about 1,000,000 lbs of meat a week for export to Britain and food-hungry Europe by having two meatless days a week. Though meat rationing is officially ended so far as housewives are concerned, the two days weekly are observed in public eating places when no meat is served. The prospect of these days continuing for "a long time to come" is seen by government authorities.

Ottawa—Forty-six air cadets will leave Montreal airport on July 31 for Northolt, on an exchange visit scheme with United Kingdom counterparts, members of the Air Training Corps of Great Britain. The British cadets are scheduled to arrive in Montreal on July 28. The Canadian boys will tour the British Isles and fly to Germany in RAF aircraft.

Copenhagen—Denmark is producing more food. Butter production in the last week of May increased 14 per cent. Butter export since the New Year is 29,000 tons compared with 17,000 tons for the corresponding period last year. The cheese export is 7,300 tons compared with 1,200 tons. Egg production increased 20 percent and the export now exceeds prewar figures. Export in the recent year is so far 9,000,000 scores, which equals 90 percent of last year's total export.

Chicago—The new noiseless three-story train-glass penthouse in the roof, cocktail lounge or bedrooms part way down and change below, now displaying in Chicago, will not visit New York. It is too tall for the city's tunnels.

TO-DAY ONLY

QUEEN'S

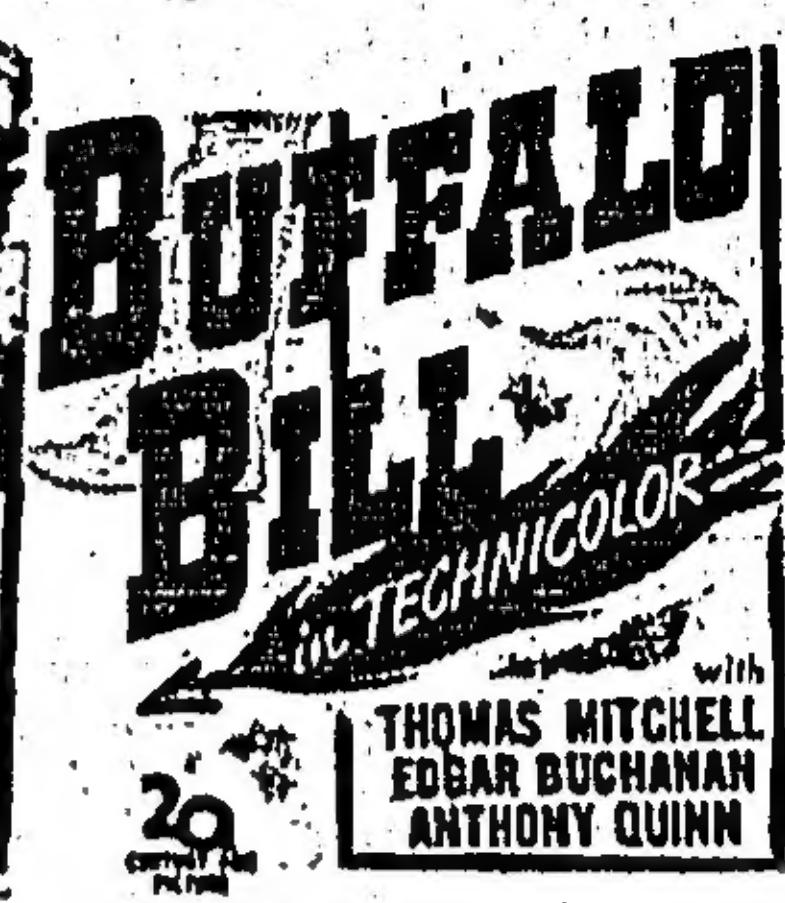
At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

Don't miss WALT DISNEY'S biggest and best to date Walt Disney's Technicolor Feature

"BAMBI"

Distributed by RKO Radio Pictures

— OPENING TO-MORROW —
THRILL SWEPT . . . as the plains ho rode!
RECKLESS . . . as his daring!



GRAND DOUBLE ATTRACTION

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG!

"ORDERS FROM TOKYO"

IN TECHNICOLOR

The behind-the-scenes story of the appalling destruction of the city of MANILA

— COMMENCING SATURDAY — AT THE ALHAMBRA

ORIENTAL

FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY: 2.30—5.20—7.20—9.20 P.M.
A GREAT PICTURE ABOUT THE JAPS WITH TERRIFIC THRILLS AND SUSPENSE!



Commencing To-Morrow: "HER HIGHNESS & THE BELLBOY"

HONGKONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The subscription list is now open. Please send your contribution to:

MESSRS. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,

Hon. Treasurers, Mercantile Bank Building

Cheques should be payable to "The Hong Kong War Memorial Fund" and should be crossed.

For the purpose of acknowledgment, all subscribers who have Chinese names are requested to give these names in Chinese characters as well as in English.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Beer On Floor Not Dangerous

The Edinburgh court dismissed minor William Gilmore's suit for £400 damages for a broken ankle after ruling that beer spilled on a tavern floor was not a public danger.—United Press.

Centenarian Deaths

The deaths of 400 persons claimed as centenarians were registered on an average per year in Caylon during the period 1940-44. In 1945, 450 were registered.

NOTICE

Advertisers are requested to note that no advertisements (with the exception of urgent notices) will be accepted between the hours of 12.30 noon Saturdays, and 9 a.m. on Mondays.

From and including Mondays to Fridays, copy for the following day must be submitted not later than 4 p.m.

S. C. M. POST
H.K. TELEGRAPH.

Cambridge Library Death Fall

**COMING TO THE
KING'S**



GOOD! SHE'S FAST ASLEEP.

SH-H-H! YOU'LL WAKE DIANA!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT!

SHE'S FAST ASLEEP!

by HODGES

Anti-Truman Stand Called By Wallace

PRAVDA HAS LOWDOWN ON SINKLANG

**MAKING PLAN
A REALITY**

The Foreign Office warned that Anglo-French talks were "exploratory" and that "no hard and fast agreement should be anticipated." However, it was expected in London that a joint communique would be issued upon the conclusion of the Paris talks. —United Press.

NORTH CHINA MILITARY CONFERENCE

fighting is progressing.—
Reuter.

MACON DEATHS CAUSE PRESS SPECULATION

have been questioned by the police but no arrests have been made.—
 Reuter.

King Will Have To Take His Turn

"would rank with John Citizen in his application for supplies."—United

OUTWARD MAILS

South China Morning Post Limited
at 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of Vic-
toria, in the Colony of Hongkong.

Royal Ascot Opens In Splendour

Thousands of persons less well dressed came on foot munching jellied eels and fried fish. Such delicacies as lobster champagne and

Parliamentary Purge In Tokyo

picked" body of nobles and industrialists.—Reuter.

SIMMONS

BEAUTYREST

INNER-SPRING

MATTRESSES

BEDSTEAD-COILSPRINGS

TWIN SIZE AVAILABLE

美國席夢思彈簧床褥
JONES WONG & CO.

FURNISHING DEPT.
184 Nathan Road Phone 58430.

ENJOY YOUR EVENINGS

AT THE

COCK & PULLET RESTAURANT

ALONGSIDE NEW YORK CITY BANK
7-9 DUDELL STREET.

RUSSIAN & CAUCASIAN SPECIALITIES

CHARMING MUSIC

CATERING FOR PRIVATE PARTIES
PHONE 28252

Fighting On Minor Scale In Indonesia

Batavia, June 17.

Hamburg, June 17.
All industrial undertakings in
Hanover and Brunswick staged
a one-hour sitdown strike today
in protest against the food shortage.
Members of the Lower Saxon
parliament adjourned for three
quarters of an hour in support of
the strikers.

MAJESTIC

— SHOWING TO-DAY —
SPECIAL TIMES:
At 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.